Architectural / Historical Inventory
Fitchburg

Area Survey Form C Upper Common Area

200 - 689 - 717 Main St.
201 - 700 Main St.
202 - 706 Main St.
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213 - 791, 799, 805 Main St.
214 - 796, 804, 808 Main St.
215 - 820 Main St.
216 - 840, 846, 850 Main St.
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223 - 910, 914, 918, 924 Main St.
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231 - 1008 Main St.
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235 - Rollstone St. (west side)
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237 - Factory Square
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241 - 6 Circle St.
242 - 7 Circle St.
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245 - 4 Merriam Parkway
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248 - 33 Merriam Pkwy.
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Area C Form 200

689-717 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Fo 00
C	20

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 689-717 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial, offices

Present owner Kenmore Realty Corp.

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3. Description:

Date 1927?

Source Style

Style Twenties Commercial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Stone or cast stone & brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Large Theater

Altered Yes Date ?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 29,830 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 158'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Theater, commercial, offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Theater, commercial, offices

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	x
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts	x				
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication	x	Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Fitchburg Theater is in this block (one of many downtown theaters at one time).

Site of the residence of Walter Heywood (1804-1880), founder of the Walter Heywood Chair Mfg. Co., and one of the pioneers of the chair industry in this country.

Site of the residence of William O. Brown (1815-1890), county commissioner for 21 years. The Brown house (panel brick) has been turned around and moved to Brook St., where it is now the Sawyer Funeral Home.

Site of law office of Torrey and Wood before William O. Brown's (1847). Wood house moved to Factory Sq. 1883.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Past and Present (1903) - p. 82

Andrew Whitney, p. 87

Area C Form 201

700 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	201

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 700 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial

Present owner Helen F. Fisher

3. Description:

Date 1840's, 1850's and other dates

Source Style

Style Greek Revival, and others

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard, brick, stucco

Outbuildings (describe) Several buildings all attached

Other features Rear brick building has excellent brick detail; old glass in windows

Altered Yes Date 19th & 20th Centuries

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 19,865 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 72'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

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C-201

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial, residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial, warehouse

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A group of attached buildings with some alterations. The rear brick building is an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture. It was probably a residence. A 20th Century clapboard and plate glass storefront hides several older structures (brick and clapboard), which appear to have been built in the 1840's and 1850's.

Westerly section c. 1840's (?) and built of brick by John Carpenter (brother of Daniel)-now just the site?).

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

photo in "Andrew Whitney" (by Andrew Whitney) - p. 133
Andrew Whitney p. 76

Area C Form 202

706 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	202

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 706 Main St.

Name (Lloyd house) Whitney's Block

Present use Commercial

Present owner Barney Rosen Co.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XVI

3. Description:

Date 1853

Source Andrew Whitney, p. 49

Style Commercial 1850's

Architect Jonas P. Whitney, Jonas Whitney & Andrew Whitney

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered 4th story added; front extended toward street Date ?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 2,001 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 24'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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C-202

7. Original owner (if known) Andrew Whitney

Original use Fitchburg Music Store, manufactory

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial, storage, religious services

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	x
The Arts					
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Andrew Whitney built the original 3 story building in 1853 for use as his music shop, where he made diverse instruments. The front has since been extended to the street, and a fourth floor added. Over a doorway is painted "Lloyd House," so at one time it must have been called that.

Daniel Carpenter at one time had dry goods store on first floor.

Site of Asher Green residence.

Religious services conducted by Deacon Eddy of Boston.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Andrew Whitney, p. 49, p. 76, p. 132, 133, 134, 135

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
C	203

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 718 Main St.

Name City Hall

Present use City Hall

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Description:

Date 1852

Source Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892 p. 7

Style Greek Revival?

Architect H.M. Francis, 1879 addition H.M. Francis & Sons, minor alterations c. 191

Exterior wall fabric Brick, pressed brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features adds prominence as it is situated at point of curvature of Main Street

Altered rear wing added Date >1879; c. 1910; 1964

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 14,386 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) Town of Fitchburg

Original use Town Hall

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates City Hall, library, school, commercial, post office

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education	x	Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	x
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political	x	Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Erected in 1852 at cost of $20,000, Col. Ivers Phillips being the contractor. The first town meeting was held on March 7, 1853. Since remodeled and enlarged, especially in 1879, when about $10,000 was expended. On 16 July 1879 a tornado demolished the new wall and the roof. The 1879 addition was designed by H.M. Francis, whose firm also did minor alterations c. 1910. Besides town depts., city government, and a large hall, it has at various times contained the post office, public library, the High Street Grammar School, and commercial space. Among famous speakers in the building were Henry David Thoreau, Horace Greeley, Wendell Phillips, and John Brown's brother (who spoke after his brother's death). Site of Dr. Thomas S. Blood House (1st dentist in Fitchburg).

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892, p. 7
"?" by A. Mason - VC 974.431 m 398f, p. 352
Fitchburg Sentinel, 13 July 1964
Andrew Whitney, p. 76

Area C Form 204

721-725 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
C	204

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 721-725 Main St.

Name Quinlan Building

Present use Commercial, much vacant space

Present owner Central Corp.

3. Description:

Date 1913

Source on building

Style 1910's commercial

Architect H.M. Francis & Sons

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features poor new large sign on building

Altered large sign Date c. 1968?

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 14,559 sq. ft. Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 62'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no. _____

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7. Original owner (if known) Quinlan

Original use Theatre, offices, commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Theatre, offices, commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	x
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts	x				
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

With the exception of a large new garish sign, it is a good example of 1910's commercial design. It has attractive decorative cornice work.

Site of the residence of Ebenezer Torrey, which was moved in 1913 to Brook St. (later burned down).

Site of first bakery in Fitchburg.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

plans with Francis Family

Area C Form 205

730-732-734 & 740 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
C	205

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 730-732-734 & 740 Main St.

Name Central Block

Present use Rooming house, commercial

Present owner Aubuchon Realty Co.; also Christ Cholaki

3. Description:

Date 1847

Source Andrew Whitney, p. 76

Style was brick "Federal" - now altered

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) 2 brick sections attached in rear

Other features 4th floor added later

Altered Yes Date c. 1905?

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 3,729 sq. ft. (±1529 sq. ft.) Over one acre

Approximate frontage 40' and 20'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial, printing, residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial, residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication	x	Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Central Block, built in the 1840's, originally had a pitched roof, but the gables were removed and a full story added. Used to be a very attractive "federal" style building until the remodeling.

H.H. Harding was first tenant - dry goods.

Reveille - printed here in the 1840's (?).

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Andrew Whitney p. 76

Area C Form 206

748 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	206

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 748 Main St.

Name Stiles Block

Present use Commercial, much vacant space

Present owner Arthur L. Progin

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XVI

3. Description:

Date 1875

Source on bldg.; have plans

Style Victorian commercial

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Brick, aluminum siding

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Excellent example of very interesting Victorian architecture

Altered store front Date 20th century

Moved _____ Date _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size 4506 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 38'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jas. F. Stiles

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A very beautiful example of Victorian architecture: very detailed facade. H.M. Francis designed this building in 1875 for James F. Stiles, a leading merchant in the town. Born in Vermont, Stiles came to Fitchburg in 1841 and worked for T.C. Caldwell until 1844, at which time he went into business for himself. He ran a dry goods store.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Have plans with Francis Family
Fireside Legends, p. 268
Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892, p. 49
Fitchburg Sentinel, 4 September 1875

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
C	207

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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See form C-206
Rt. side of Photo

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 754-756 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial

Present owner Arthur L. Progin

3. Description:

Date 1880's?

Source former style

Style was Victorian; now 1st floor remains 20th century commercial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features top two floors burned in early 1970's and now only first floor storefronts remain

Altered Yes, part burned & torn down Date early 1970's

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 2525 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 36'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-207

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use commercial, residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Commerce		Military		Transportation	
Communication		Political			
Community development					

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

All that remains of a three story Victorian building is a one story storefront which had been altered in the 20th Century. The top two unaltered floors were destroyed by fire in the early 1970's.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 208

Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	208

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XXII

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Main St.

Name Parking Lot, Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Present use Parking Lot

Present owner Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

3. Description:

Date c. 1964

Source

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:
19,922 sq. ft.
One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____

Approximate frontage 100'+

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-208

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	____	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Commerce	____	Military	____	Transportation	____
Communication	____	Political	____		
Community development	____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was the site of the Fitchburg Savings Bank. This was a 2nd Empire Style building designed by Henry M. Francis in 1870. It was the most elegant office building in town in its day. The Masons met on the top floor. This was one of Francis's early designs in Fitchburg. The building was torn down c. 1964.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 209

759-769 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	209

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11 X X 17

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 759-769 Main St.

Name Torrey & Wood Block

Present use Commercial

Present owner Academy Realty Co.

3. Description:

Date c. 1840's

Source Style

Style formerly Federal; 1910's commercial

Architect 1911 remodeling H.M. Francis & Sons

Exterior wall fabric Brick, yellow brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features shuttered fan window under pitch in roof (Central St.)

Altered by H.M. Francis & Sons Date 1911

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 3699 sq. ft. Over one acre ____

Approximate frontage 64'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no. _____

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Law Office, commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Post Office, commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political	x	Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Was a very old (1820's?) brick Federal style building until remodelled in 1911 by H.M. Francis and Sons. Was office of Torrey and Wood, for 50 years one of the leading law firms in Worcester County. Ebenezer Torrey (1801-1888), one of the incorporators of as well as connected with the Fitchburg National Bank for 56 years. For 30 years was a town treasurer, representative, state senator, and on Governor's Council. Nathaniel Wood (1797-1876) was president of the Fitchburg Savings Bank, the first president of Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co. representative and state senator.

The Post Office was here in 1847.

Fitchburg Fire Insurance Co. had offices here at one time.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fireside Legends, p. 60-61
Andrew Whitney, p. 88
Have remodelling plans with Francis Family

Area C Form 210

773-775-779 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	210

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 773-775-779 Main St.

Name Proctor Block; old Towne & Piper's Block

Present use Commercial, residential

Present owner Lily V. Wiinikka TR.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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3. Description:

Date 1832 orig.? 1880's remod.?

Source Style

Style orig. Federal; now Victorian

Architect Victorian remodelling by H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Brick with terra cotta

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features EXCELLENT front facade, including large copper circular decoration.

Altered H.M. Francis remodelled Date c. 1880?

Moved _____ Date _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4247 sq. ft. Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 43'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

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C-210

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial, residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial, residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication	x	Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This one time Federal style brick building was transformed around 1880's by H.M. Francis into an ~~eclectic~~, fascinating example of Victorian architecture. With the slight exception of a "modern" storefront, it survives intact, and is one of the important visual assets to Main St.

Part of this building was the studio of J.C. Moulton, photographer. Once occupied by jeweler named Lowe, later by Mr. Rogers. John Bruce ran grocery store here after his return from the Civil War.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892. p. 27
Have plans with Francis Family
Andrew Whitney, p. 89

Area C Form 211

780 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	211

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XVI

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address 780 Main Street

Name Fitchburg Savings Bank

Present use Bank

Present owner Fitchburg Savings Bank

3. Description: Plans drawn in 1962

Date

Source Plans with Bank

Style Modern ?

Architect Bastile, Halsey Assoc., Boston

Exterior wall fabric Limestone ?

Outbuildings (describe) See from C-236

Other features On site is a bldg. built for factory workers housing c.1807.

Altered Yes Date 1977 -

Moved No Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre

Approximate frontage 260'+

Approximate distance of building from street

5'+ 0'

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. **Original owner (if known)** Fitchburg Savings Bank

Original use Bank

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. **Themes (check as many as applicable)**

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	X	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Commerce	____	Military	____	Transportation	____
Communication	____	Political	____		
Community development	____				

9. **Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)**

This is a modern building. The architecture is of a good quality although the building does not fit with the urban design and character of the area. This will be improved by a new addition being designed by Joseph Permatteo in 1977. On the rear of this site is factory workers housing (now offices) built for the third cotton mill in the U.S. c.1807. This rear bldg. is an important building both architecturally and historically.

10. **Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)**

Area C Form 212

781 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	212

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 781 Main St.

Name Phoenix Building

Present use Office, residential

Present owner Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

3. Description:

Date 1893

Source on building

Style Italian Rennaissance

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Limestone, brick granite

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features EXCELLENT stone carving on facade; awnings

Altered No Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4001 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Original use Commercial, office, residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial, office, residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts	x				
Commerce	x	Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co. incorporated in 1847. H.M. Francis designed this building, which he described as Italian Renaissance. It is richly carved and is one of the finest buildings in Fitchburg.

Site once occupied by Stiles and Sprague

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Have plans with Francis Family
Fitchburg of To-Day (1894) p. 66, 67

Area C Form 213

791, 799, 805 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	213

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 791, 799, 805 Main St.

Name pres. Intown Professional Building

Present use Offices

Present owner Dr. Ernest DiGeronimo

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

3. Description:

Date 1840's and 1853 (?)

Source Style

Style Greek/Roman Revival; late Federal

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features actually two different buildings until attached c. 1975

Altered Yes by Joe Permatteo, Arch. Date 1976

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 13,950 sq. ft. Over one acre 1420 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 58' and 24'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C - 213

7. Original owner (if known) Crocker, Burbank Co. for westerly end

Original use Offices, Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Offices, Commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The easterly of the two buildings, appears to have been constructed in the late 1840's and contains nice "dental trim" under the eaves. The westerly building was constructed in 1853 for the ~~head~~ offices of Crocker Burbank Co. on the site of the old stone bank, whose rear wall is still standing. This building has trim similar to that of City Hall, built one year earlier. For quite a number of years was the Finnish Drug Co.

In 1847, Jonas P. Whitney manufactured organs in the rear of the old granite bank building (brick rear-present), now part of United Co.-operative Society (see form C - 370)
Daniel Cross (1847) has custom tailoring establishment. Also Smith and Comee dry goods. (Block owned by Comee & Sprague).

Site of the old granite bank (Fitchburg National Bank) whose rear wall is still standing.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892 p. 14
1895 City Directory
Andrew Whitney, p. 48, 89

Area C Form 214

796-804-808 Main Street

Area C Form 214

796-804-808 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	214

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XVI, XIX, XVI

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 796-804-808 Main St.

Name Wallace Block

Present use Commercial and Offices

Present owner Thompson Newspapers Inc.

3. Description:

Date 1892 (~~1 mil~~ part 1810)

Source on building

Style Richardson-Romanesque

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Brick, red sandstone

Outbuildings (describe) Attached workers' housing from 1810's

Other features Best example of Richardsonian-Romanesque commercial building in City. Intricate stone carvings; old 1820's wall incorporated into building

Altered Slightly Date 1970's

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size

One acre or less 21,898 sq. ft. Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 109'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Hon. Rodney Wallace

Original use Office, Commercial, printing

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Office, commercial, printing

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts	x				
Commerce	x	Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication	x	Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

One end of this building was constructed around 1810 and first occupied by Isaiah Putnam as a grocery store. Later it became T.C. Caldwell's store. In 1892, H.M. Francis designed for the Hon. Rodney Wallace this large Richardsonian Romanesque building to be the headquarters of Fitchburg Paper Co., as well as the Sentinel, which has occupied the old building. The stone carving and general style and massing make this building, and perhaps the Church next door, the most important and visually appealing aspects of the Upper Common and the City as a whole. Building should be recognized nationally on the basis of its architectural merit as well as because of its role in the development of Fitchburg by her most outstanding citizens.

The rear of this building was originally workers housing for the 3rd cotton mill in the U.S. It was constructed c.1807 and has been modified for a printing room.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892, p. 1
Have plans with Francis Family
Fitchburg Sentinel, 20 December 1938, p. A-15

Area C Form 215

820 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	215

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 820 Main St.

Name Calvinistic Congregational Church

Present use Church

Present owner Faith United Church

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XVI, XVI

3. Description:

Date 1896; rear 1870's?

Source on building, style

Style Richardsonian Romanesque

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Red Sandstone

Outbuildings (describe) Attached Church buildings from 1870's?

Other features Fine copper roofs on towers; elaborate stone work, stained glass, etc.

Altered No Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 12,904 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 85' Main St. 149' Rollstone St.

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Calvanistic Congregational Church

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Church

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts	x				
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Without a doubt, the most important landmark in the city. This is the best, by far, surviving example of Richardsonian Romanesque in the city, and is probably H.M. Francis' best surviving work. The previous church faced Rollstone St., and was constructed around 1844. Present church built in 1896. Congregational Church merged with Methodist Church and is now known as Faith United Parish. This building is visible from many parts of the city. It is definitely important nationally as a landmark because of its architecture.

The rear of this building was built in the 1870's and may have been designed by Henry M. Francis. It is in a Victorian gothic style.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg of To-Day (1894) p. 21
Fitchburg in 1885 (by A. Mason), p. 347
Fitchburg Sentinel, 23 March 1912, p. 68
History of the C.C. Church (by Hitchcock) VC 285.8 H. 674h
Have specs and/or plans with Francis Family

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area C Form 216

840, 846, 850 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	216

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 840, 846, 850 Main St.

Name Universalist Church

Present use Commercial

Present owner Eugene F. McAuliffe

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number X1X

3. Description:

Date 1847 or 1848

Source Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894
Fitchburg Sentinel, March 1955

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick, granite, 1st floor
One story flat roof

Outbuildings (describe) Commercial structure
in rear

Other features Poor "new" addition on
Main St. side

Altered Yes Date c. 1960's ?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 8428 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 65' on Main St.
122' on Rollstone St.

Approximate distance of building from street
0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and
Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C - 216

7. Original owner (if known) Universalist Church

Original use Church, commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Church, commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Commerce		Military		Transportation	
Communication		Political			
Community development					

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Building was Greek Revival style and was constructed around 1847-1848 by the Universalists. The first floor space was always used for commercial activities. On 16 July 1879, a tornado blew off the steeple and it was never replaced. Universalists moved into a new church on Day Street in 1886.

Unfortunately, "modern" facade has destroyed much of the charm of the old building.

Sold at auction to Dr. Jabez Fisher and Harrington Sibley for $12,300. Purchased in 1888 by Major Thomas H. Shea and in possession of his heirs until 1955.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, March?, 1955.

Area C Form 217

858 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	217

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 858 Main St.

Name

Present use Residential

Present owner Elli E. Sume

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XIX

3. Description:

Date c. 1800?

Source Style

Style Colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos Shingle

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Yes Date ?

Moved From 866 Main St Date c. 1841?

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 2312 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 40'?

Approximate distance of building from street

75'±?

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-217

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

An old colonial building which is juxtaposed in an interesting relationship with several other buildings. Unfortunately has been altered (windows, asbestos siding), but nevertheless has nice lines.

Was the residence of Dr. Peter Snow, at one time the only physician in town, and an influential citizen. It stood on the site of the Wesley and was removed to the rear. It was the residence in 1892 of C.E. Wallace, post master.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 1886, B.C. Crocker Collection
Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892, p. 3

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area C Form 218

879 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	218

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XX11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address 879 Main Street

Name Philip J. Philbin Federal Buildin

Present use Post Office and Federal Office Building

Present owner United States of America, General Services Admin.

3. Description:

Date Completed 1974

Source Corner Stone

Style Contemporary

Architect Perry Dean&Stewart

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features None

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 330'+ on Main St. 400'+ on both Academy St. & Merriam Parkway

Approximate distance of building from street 20'+

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-218

7. **Original owner** (if known) United States of America

Original use Post Office and Federal Offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. **Themes** (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	X	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Commerce	____	Military	____	Transportation	____
Communication	____	Political	____		
Community development	X				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a contemporary building. The architects were Perry Dean and Stewart. The build~~ing~~ was Franchi Bros. Construction Corp. Although expensive, its design quality is poor. From Main Street, its scale and materials fit in with the area to a degree.

This building replaces a number of large Victorian mansions. Several had been designed by Henry M. Francis and were owned by prominent residents.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 219

866 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	219

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 866 Main St.

Name Wesley Building

Present use apartments, now condemned March 1977

Present owner Leonard J. LeBlanc or WhiteWood Realty

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number X1X

3. Description:

Date 1841
Fitchburg Sentinel, 20 Dec. 1938
Source Fitchburg of To-Day 1894

Style orig. Greek Revival?, ~~pres.~~

Architect H.M. Francis remod. c. 1888
(Capt. Albert Hannibal Kelsey)

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features parts of original church remain; stain glass windows from remodeling

Altered H.M. Francis Date 1888

Moved _____ Date _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 9732 sq. ft. Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street 5'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

C-219

7. Original owner (if known) First Methodist Church

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates apartments

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Important visually for the Upper Common, although it is becoming very poorly taken care of. Built as the 1st Methodist Church in 1841 by Capt. Albert Hannibal Kelsey (1811-1901) at age of 20 (discrepancy in chronology). Later an expert building contractor and mill engineer. Worked from age 15-24 as apprentice to Zachariah Sheldon. Congregation moved to new church at the corner of Fox and Elm Streets in 1888. H.M. Francis moved here on 1 May 1890 from 10 Kimball St. and remodelled the building into apartments. An Alexander Thompson lived here at one time, and he invented the steel horse collor.

Remodelled c. 1930's and is unfortunately in poor shape. Condemned in March 1977.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Past and Present (1903)
1895 Map
1892, 18 June: Fitchburg Sentinel, p. 4
Elliott Wellington

Area C Form 220

872-880 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	220

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XIX

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 872-880 Main St.

Name Joslin House

Present use Residence, Commercial

Present owner Christo F. Bicoules

3. Description:

Date By 1847

Source Andrew Whitney, p. 48

Style Late Federal?

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Double brick house

Altered 3rd floor added ~~1st floor~~ Date ? ?

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 5314 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 48'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-220

7. Original owner (if known) Joslin?

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence, Commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

In 1847 was known as the Joslin house, and was for a time the residence of Jonas P. Whitney. It is an old brick double house, 3 stories high, and is one of few remaining in Fitchburg area. It is an important asset to the Common. Two later additions on the first floor extend towards the street.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Andrew Whitney, p. 48 VC92W6172

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area C Form 221

882-886 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	221

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XIX, 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 882-886 Main St.

Name Pride House?

Present use Residence, office

Present owner Paraskeve F. Bicoulis

3. Description:

Date by 1847

Source Andrew Whitney, p. 74

Style plain New England pitch-roof?

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle over clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) attached brick mansard garage

Other features classical cornice

Altered porch enclosed Date 1920's

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4320 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 44' Main St. 94' Circle St.

Approximate distance of building from street 10' Main St. 5' Circle St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-221

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence, office

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The 1895 map shows this house as the residence of Dr. D.S. Woodworth. Native of Greenfield, and a practicing physician in Fitchburg since 1876. Served several years as city physician, member of the school board and president of the common council. In 1847 occupied by William Pride, who carried on baking business on Baker St.

House is a rather typical New England Style house, but altered by an enclosed porch. Attached to the rear of the house is an attractive mansard brick garage, again somewhat altered. This building and perhaps the Fay Club are the only remaining single family houses on Main St. between Depot Square and the Upper Common.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fireside Legends, p. 256
1895 Map
Andrew Whitney, p. 74

Area C Form 222

900-904 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	222

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 900-904 Main St.

Name Old Town Hall, Crocker's Hall (past)

Present use Commercial, Residence

Present owner Silvio P. DeBonis

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XIX

3. Description:

Date 1796

Source Fitchburg To-day (1894), p. 10

Style orig. Federal?-now quite European

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Stucco (was clapboard)

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Stuccoed, etc. Date 20th Century

Moved From near cor. of Prospect & Main Sts Date c. 1836

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 5332 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 52' Main St. 103' Circle St.

Approximate distance of building from street 15' Main St. 0' Circle St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-222

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Fitchburg

Original use meeting house, public worship

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates town hall, residence, commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This large building is the second meeting house formerly located near the corner of Main and Prospect Sts., near where the Unitarian Church now is. The meeting house was dedicated 19 January 1797. When the affairs of the church and town were divided, the meeting house was moved to its present location. Over the past few years, the building has taken on quite a European flavor through stuccoing and remodeling, and is an excellent example of how an "old" buiding can be"modernized" but not lose its charm. Perhaps the oldest building on Main St. between Depot Sq. and the Upper Common.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg To-Day (1894) p. 10
VC q974.431 F546 fe
City and the River, p. 128
Fireside Legends (c. 1900) - VC974.431 E53fi2; p. 231

Area C Form 223

910, 914, 918, 924 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	223

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 910, 914, 918, 924 Main St.

Name

Present use Residential

Present owner 910-914, Musa A. Ali
918, Jos. Rosenberg; 924, Fred A. Bauman

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XIX

3. Description:

Date 1850's ? or 1840's?

Source Style

Style Greek Revival

Architect H.M. Francis - stable for 924

Exterior wall fabric Brick (rear porches, alum. siding, stucco, etc.)

Outbuildings (describe) row barns/garages in rear

Other features

Altered porches added Date c. 1910's or 20's

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less ____ Over one acre approx. 14,000 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 115'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-223

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residential, office

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts	x				
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political	x	Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

These are some of the most attractive brick townhouses in the area, and a focal point for Fitchburg. They still retain some of the old shutters, and there is good brick work under the eaves. Unfortunately, two sections are vacant, (914, 918) which obviously detracts from the general appearance of the building. In ~~M~~#924 lived Fitchburg's first mayor Amasa Norcross. From 1858-1883 he was constantly in public life. In 1858, 1859 and 1862 was a member of the Mass. House of Representatives. Mayor in 1872; 1876 elected to Congress and stayed there 6 years. His daughter, Eleanor A. Norcross, founded the Fitchburg Art Museum. Taught drawing one year in Fitchburg schools, and studied painting two winters with Alfred Stevens in Paris. #918 was in 1902 the residence of Charles A. Babbit, mayor and attorney-at-law. In ~~M~~#910 lived in 1895 Alvah Crocker (Jr.?). ~~M.~~ In 1883 B.F. Wallis built one of the stables which still remains behing #924 (designed by H.M. Francis). Possibly from 1847? (Whitney).

Buildings

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892, p. 5, p. 42
Fitchburg Past and Present (1903), p. 269
Fitchburg Sentinel, 3 October 1883), p. 3
1895 Map
1895 Directory
1902 Directory
Andrew Whitney, p. 74
Have stable plans with Francis Family

Area C Form 224

938 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	224

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number X1X

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 938 Main St.

Name Mobil Station

Present use gas station & service station

Present owner Socony Vacuum Oil

3. Description:

Date 1930's

Source Style

Style Colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric stucco, slate roof

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered Yes Date ?

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 14,655 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 84'

Approximate distance of building from street

40'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Service station and gas station

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Service station and gas station

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	x

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The little building is made of stucco, with slate roof and some copper trim. The building itself fits in well with the area, but the landscaping, lighting and signs do not.

Site of Litchfield house.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 225

937-939 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	225

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 937-939 Main St.

Name

Present use Apartments, office

Present owner Dr. Stephen Kay

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11, 11

3. Description:

Date c. 1910?

Source Style

Style 3 decker

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered No Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4792 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 98'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-225

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Apartments, office

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A 1910's 3-decker, with bay windows on front side. Highly visible.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 226

956, 958, 960 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	226

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 956, 958, 960 Main St.

Name Battles House?

Present use Residence, part vacant

Present owner 956-Richard H. Huff
958-960-Charles L. Pappas

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number X1X, X1X

3. Description:

Date 1820's

Source Style

Style Federal

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Victorian porch, double-connected chimneys, shuttered fan window under gable

Altered storefront added Date c. 1910?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size 6300 sq. ft. approx.

One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____

Approximate frontage 86'

Approximate distance of building from street 10', +0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant ____

MHC Photo no. ____

(over)

C-226

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residential, commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

An old brick double house, with end chimneys and shuttered fan window on gabled end. Victorian porch ~~over~~ #956. #958-960 have had storefront added to building, and detracts from its appearance. #958 and #960 are vacant and in poor condition. Building has quite pleasing lines and is an asset to the Upper Common area.

In 1892 Directory, was the residence of J.A. Battles, Superintendent of Streets.

c. 1847 Gardner Hudson & J.A. Battles lived here at one time.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1892 Directory
Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892, p. 4
Andrew Whitney, p. 74

Area C Form 227

962, 970, 972 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	227

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 962, 970, 972 Main St.

Name Old Baptist Church

Present use Commercial, apartment

Present owner William H. Fisher

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XIX

3. Description:

Date 1833 or 1831?

Source Fitchburg To-Day; Fitch. Sent. Mar. '55
1906 City Directory, p. 403

Style New England Pitched Roof

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos siding, brick front, clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Brick, 3-story warehouse

Other features

Altered By G.M. Parks Co.? ~~and others~~ Date 19th Cent.?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 17,437 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 116'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-227

7. Original owner (if known) Baptist Church

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial, Mfg. Co., Apartment

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is the original Baptist Church, built either in 1831 or 1833, with a later addition c. 1890. The lines of the original building can readily be observed, as well as the new slate roof which covers the site of the old steeple. The brick front does manage to hide a good deal of the building. Around 1855 the Baptists built a larger church on the site of the present library, and vacated the old building.

Other alterations haven't done much to improve the building.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, March 1955
Fitchburg To-Day (1894) p. 21
1906 City Directory, p. 403

Area C Form 228

973 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	228

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 973 Main St.

Name Bryn-Mawr

Present use apartments

Present owner Selma K. Passoja

3. Description:

Date 1900's

Source Style

Style Turn-of-the-century brick apts.

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered No Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 6456 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 54'

Approximate distance of building from street 5'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Apartments

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A rather large brick 3 story apartment building, with bay windows.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 229

992 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	229 ~~232~~

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address 992 Main Street

Name -

Present use Vacant

Present owner City of Fitchburg

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XIX

3. Description:

Date c.1920 ?

Source Style

Style Commercial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Rear is along N. Nashua River

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size: 8,835 sq.ft.

One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____

Approximate frontage 82'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Dye and Cleaning ?

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	____	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Commerce	____	Military	____	Transportation	____
Communication	____	Political	____		
Community development	____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This non-descript building continues the urban facade of Main Street.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 230

993 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	229 230

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 993 Main St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Linmore S. Goodspeed

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

3. Description:

Date 1870's?

Source Style

Style Stick Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboard, etc.

Outbuildings (describe) Barn

Other features balcony; trim

Altered No Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 10,830 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 105'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-230

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

An attractive stick style house with some trim and balconies. In 1895 was the residece of Major George H. Priest of the C.A. Priest Lumber Co. In 1914, also George Priest and Lewis F. Baker, M.D.

Bartlett also lived here near turn-of-the-century?, and was the son of a Putnam Machine Co. stockholder.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1895 Directory
1914 Directory
Elliott Wellington

Area C Form 231

1008 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	231 ~~230~~

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

   Address 1008 Main St.

   Name

   Present use Residence

   Present owner Donald H. Osgood

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
   Staple to left side of form
   Photo number XIX

3. Description:

   Date 1850's?

   Source Style

   Style Greek Revival

   Architect

   Exterior wall fabric Brick; asbestos siding

   Outbuildings (describe) None

   Other features

   Altered Slightly Date 20th Cent.

   Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

   One acre or less 3654 sq. ft. Over one acre

   Approximate frontage 37'

   Approximate distance of building from street 10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

   Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

   Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-231

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Residence of George Raymond, Civil Engineer, who constructed Marshall, Overlook Reservoirs, etc. H.M. Francis in 1868 first moved in with the office of George Raymond.

This is a fairly attractive brick house, unfortunately in not too great a location.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Elliott Wellington

Area C Form 232

1005, 1009, 1011 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	232 ~~231~~

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 1005, 1009, 1011 Main St.

Name pres. Union Furniture

Present use commercial, residential

Present owner Edward S. Baho

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

3. Description:

Date 1860's? or 1870's?

Source Style

Style Mansard

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Barn

Other features

Altered storefront added Date c. 1900?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 9262 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 84' Main St. ~~60' ? Park St.~~

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residential, Commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Bracketed Mansard townhouses, with plain wings (2) in rear (pitched roof), and c. 1900's storefronts on first floor.

In 1876, residence of Jonathan Pond.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Past and Present (1903), p. 31
1876 Directory

Area C Form 233

1039 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	233

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 1039 Main St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner John Liatsis

3. Description:

Date c. 1840's?

Source Style

Style orig. Greek Rev.?-altered Victorian?

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Triangular attic window on Main Street (Greek Revival?)

Altered porches added then enclosed Date 19th Cent.

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 3090 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 33'

Approximate distance of building from street 10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Barely distinguishable as a Greek Revival building because of additions, enclosures, siding etc. But a triangular attic window on the Main Street side more or less dates it from the 1840 's.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 234

1063 Main Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	234

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 1063 Main St.

Name

Present use Commercial, mostly vacant

Present owner SME Realty Co.

3. Description:

Date 1850's

Source Style

Style Classic/Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Brick sidewalk

Altered Poorly Date 1950

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 5104 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 51' on Main St. 100' on School St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Commercial

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Commercial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This used to be an attractive brick Classical-Greek Revival structure with shutters, but unfortunately added on to and otherwise altered in 1950. Near the turn-of-the century was a store owned by a Mr. Conn. Perhaps the only brick sidewalk left in town abuts the School St. side of the building.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

photo - Fitchburg Past and Present (1903), p. 50

Area C Form 235

Rollstone Street (west side)

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	235

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Rollstone St. (west side)

Name Swedish Congregational Church (original)

Present use Church

Present owner Ebenezer FreeWill, Baptist Church

3. Description:

Date 1893 (designed)

Source plans

Style shingle

Architect H.M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features stained glass windows, tower

Altered No Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 4565 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 48'

Approximate distance of building from street 5'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Swedish Congregational Church

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Church

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was the Swedish Congregational Church, designed by Henry M. Francis in 1893 (as well as 1894, 1895 and 1897). It is shingle style, with a very attractive tower (copper trim) and stained glass windows. One of key elements in architectural drama near Upper Common.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Plans with Francis Family

Area C Form 236

20-22 Rollstone Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	236

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 20-22 Rollstone St. (Factory Sq.)

Name

Present use Offices

Present owner Thomas F. Davis

3. Description:

Date c. 1810; c. 1930's?

Source Style

Style Federal; "Georgian" addition

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Fairly attractive landscaping (purple beech)

Altered Yes Date 20th Cent.

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 8619 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street 40'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Factory Housing; rear-offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates offices

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

One of two factory-houses for workers at the cotton mills in Factory Square. Originally built c. 1810 with a later major addition c. 1930's, the old factory house is of Federal style with the newer section Georgian-inspired. Now used as office space, and is among the oldest buildings in the downtown area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

photo. Fitchburg Past and Present (1903) p. 37-38

Area C Form 237

Factory Square

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
C	237

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11, 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Factory Square

Name orig. Fitchburg Cotton Mill

Present use Industrial, warehouse

Present owner General Electric Co.

3. Description:

Date 1807+ and Later

Source The City and the River

Style Federal Factory, later additions

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) various additions

Other features

Altered Yes Date 19th & 20th Centuries

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ____ Over one acre Prob.

Approximate frontage ?

Approximate distance of building from street

?

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Cotton Mfg. Co.

Original use Cotton Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Woolen Mill, industrial, warehousing

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	X	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	X	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	X	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Two years after Slater's successful cotton spinning mill began operation, Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. Fitchburg obtained services of Charles Robbins, one of Slater's mechanics. He constructed machinery and put into operation a cotton mill. On 20 June 1807, Fitchburg Cotton Manufacturing Co. began: Fitchburg's first cotton mill, Mass.' 2nd cotton mill and the Country's 3rd cotton mill. Plain 2 story brick structure was first building (most likely this is the building which G.E. demolished summer of 1976). Incorporators were Peter Snow, Jonas Marshall, Jr., John Muzzy(?), Edward Durant, William Brown, Joseph Farwell, and Robert Allen. In 1822 Towne and Willis converted cotton mill into woolen mill and did successful business for over 60 years. After William H. Vose's death, the property was sold to Parkhill Manufacturing Co. as Mill B. A clapboard small carpenter shop on the grounds was demolished December 1976 (orig. use?). The present property includes numerous buildings of many different years, and is used by General Electric Co.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg of To-Day (1894)- p. 32, p. 12
City and the River, p. 148
A. Mason's Fitchburg in 1885, p. 346

Area C Form 238

23 Baker Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
C	238

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 23 Baker St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Alexander T. Neforas

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3. Description:

Date 1820's

Source Style

Style New England Vernacular

Architect

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered alum. siding etc Date 1960's?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 7481 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 130' Baker St. 85' Rollstone St.

Approximate distance of building from street 5' Baker St. 50' Rollstone St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Unfortunately marred by aluminum siding, this cottage adds to the character of the area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 239

24 Baker Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
C	239

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 24 Baker St.

Name pres. City Metal Products

Present use Industrial

Present owner Richard W. Lehotola

3. Description:

Date c. 1800±

Source style

Style colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding over clapboard, brick, aluminum batten

Outbuildings (describe) adjacent 1976 addition

Other features brick addition has nice lintel design

Altered Yes Date 20th Cent.

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 5290 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use storage?, manufacturing?, residential?, barn?

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates industrial, warehousing

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Complex contains one very old building from c. 1800, which has peaked roof (now alum. sided) and an 1870's-ish brick addition with attractive lintel design. A metal addition in 1976 does nothing to improve the looks of the property.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 240

32 Baker Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
C	240

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 32 Baker St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Hector R. and Aurise G. Begnoche

3. Description:

Date 1810's?

Source Style

Style New England Vernacular-late Federal?

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered asbestos siding Date 20th Cent.

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4216 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 56'

Approximate distance of building from street 3'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A typical 5 window (on 2nd floor) central door plan common to New England Vernacular architecture, this house has nice lines although asbestos siding takes away from the charm. Abuts a narrow dirt lane on one side (front) and the Nashua River in the rear. Adds greatly to the Baker St. area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 241

6 Circle Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
C	241

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 6 Circle St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Richard H. & Jane L. Howell

3. Description:

Date c. 1790±?, remod. 1860's ?

Source Elliott Wellington; style

Style Mansard; was colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingles

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered mansard roof added Date 1860's?

Moved from Main St. Date 1840's-50's?

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 3700 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 38'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This cottage used to be in what is now Main St., in the vicinity of the Joslin House, and at some time around the middle of the 19th Century was moved to its present location. Originally built around 1790±, it had a pitch roof until remodelled in the mansard style when on Circle St.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Elliott Wellington

Area C Form 242

7 Circle Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
C	242

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 18 XX 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 7 Circle St.

Name

Present use Printing

Present owner Smith Printing Co.

3. Description:

Date c. 1920+

Source style

Style ?

Architect

Exterior wall fabric concrete bricks

Outbuildings (describe) garage attached

Other features

Altered yes Date "

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 8642 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 50'+?

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates printing

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Site of the bakery established in 1828 by Timothy Wilson(?). Mr. H.P. Boutelle ran it from 1862.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 23 March 1912, p. 52
Fitchburg Sentinel, 20 December 1938, p. B-11

Area C Form 243

25 Circle Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	243

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 25 Circle St.

Name Crocker Field

Present use Recreation

Present owner City of Fitchburg

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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3. Description:

Date 1920's(?)

Source Style

Style Stucco-European

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Stucco

Outbuildings (describe) Field House, Stadium

Other features Football & Baseball Field

3 tennis courts

Altered Barely Date ?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

338,944 sq. f

One acre or less ____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 489.97' Circle St.
600' Broad St, 350' River Street

Approximate distance of building from street

10' Circle St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg(donated by Alvah Crocker)

Original use Recreation

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Recreation

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation	x	Recreation	x
Agricultural		Education	x	Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	x
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Alvah Crocker donated this land around 1917 to the City so that boys and girls could have recreation space. This is the school's athletic grounds. The main building is a stuccoed European style "cottage" with tennis courts and playing fields surrounding it. Also a large stadium. The Nashua River borders one side of the field, known as Crocker Field.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 244

Circle Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	244

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Circle St.

Name

Present use Storage

Present owner C. Charles Dickerman IV

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XX 11

3. Description:

Date 1888; also 1920's?, 1912

Source Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892 and style

Style Brick Warehouse

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered additions Date c. 1912 1920's

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less 6274 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 44' Circle St. 120' Baker St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use bakery storehouse, stable

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates storage

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Commerce	____	Military	____	Transportation	____
Communication	____	Political	____		
Community development	____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Buildings erected for Mr. Boutelle who ran bakery on Circle St. They include a storehouse and stable. Several additions (also brick) made during the first quarter of the present century.

Interesting juxtaposition of buildings.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Fitchburg Sentinel, 18 June 1892 p. 19

Area C Form 245

4 Merriam Parkway

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	245

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 4 Merriam Parkway

Name

Present use Residential, office

Present owner Dr. Philip A. Isaacson

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number V

3. Description:

Date by 1930's (or 1920's?)

Source Style

Style Garrison Colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings (describe) garage (attached)

Other features picket fence with vines

Altered Dr.'s office Date 1940's?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size
9409 sq. ft.
One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____

Approximate frontage 141' Merriam Parkway
88' Main St.

Approximate distance of building from street
20' Merriam Parkway
50' Main St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence, office

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A well-kept, attractive and extremely visible Garrison-Colonial house close to Main Street. The grounds have much landscaping including a picket fence, gate, and shrubbery. Adds a nice residential touch to the busy heart of the City.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area C Form 246

20 Merriam Parkway

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	246

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 20 Merriam Parkway

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Shirley G. Novak

3. Description:

Date 1920+

Source Style

Style Bungalow

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered slightly Date ?

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 6338 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A Bungalow near the heart of the City. Quite visible from Main Street.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area C Form 247

Merriam Parkway

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	247

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Merriam Parkway

Name Fitchburg Art Museum

Present use Museum

Present owner Fitchburg Art Museum

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11, V

3. Description:

Date c. 1885 orig; c. 1930

Source orig. plans; style

Style Present: ~~pre~~ Norman brick (orig. H.M. Francis)

Architect Darling - 1975 addition

Exterior wall fabric brick; granite

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Norman entrance

Altered barn rebuilt addition Date c. 1930's 1975

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less approx. 22,500 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 98' Merriam Parkway 160' Elm St.

Approximate distance of building from street 10' Merriam Parkway 25' Elm St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Barn (stables) - Jas. Phillips Jr., later Fitchburg Art Center

Original use Stables

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Stables, school, museum

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts	x				
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Originally a ~~wooden~~ structure designed as the stables to the Phillips House on Main Street, this was burned around 1930 and rebuilt on the same foundation~~, but~~ of brick. It has served as a school for s short period of time.

Art Museum founded by Eleanor Norcross.

A granite addition with slate roof was added in 1975.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

have original stable plans with Francis Family

Area C Form 248

33 Merriam Parkway

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	248

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 33 Merriam Parkway

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Zaydee DeJonge Harris

3. Description:

Date 1820's or 1830's?

Source Style

Style Federal-New England Vernacular

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 6 over 6 storm windows

Altered porch added Date 1880's?

Moved supposedly yes Date ?

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 2720 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street

3'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Tradition ~~Rumor~~ has it that this house was moved from Main St. This is a "standard" 5 window New England vernacular Federal house, and has 6 over 6 storm windows, which are attractive. The charm of this house lies not only in the lines but in the manner in which it closely fronts the street (similar to Marblehead).

Terrific asset to the area.

In 1914 was residence of Jonas Whitney.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1914 City Directory

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area C Form 249

46 Merriam Parkway

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	249

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number 11

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 46 Merriam Parkway

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Duncan Douglas

3. Description:

Date 1840's?; Remod. c. 1900

Source style; have remod. plans

Style orig.-Greek Revival; pres.?

Architect remod. H.M. Francis (& Sons?)

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features well landscaped

Altered H.M. Francis Date c. 1900

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 8508 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 104' Merriam Parkway
84' Mechanic St.

Approximate distance of building from street
8'-20' Merriam Parkway
20' Mechanic Street

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-249

7. Original owner (if known) Merriam?

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Possibly joined with the Daird Merriam House, which was located next to it at one time. Original style seems to indicate Greek Revival, but H.M. Francis' remodelling c. 1900 greatly altered the appearance of the house.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

have remod. plans with Francis Family

Area C Form 250

1 Caldwell Place

FORM B - BUILDING

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C	250

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 1 Caldwell Place

Name (Swedish)Emanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church

Present use school

Present owner Apostolic Lutheran Church

3. Description:

Date 1896

Source cornerstone

Style colonial revival

Architect ?

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features tower

Altered additions Date 20th Cent.

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 10,556 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 188.78' (?)

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

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7. Original owner (if known) Emanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Church, school

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Visible to the entire common, it fits in very well with the area. Attractive colonial revival style, it was built as a Swedish Church.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 251

2-4 Caldwell Place

FORM B - BUILDING

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C	251

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 2-4 Caldwell Place

Name

Present use apartments

Present owner Charles R. Romano

3. Description:

Date 1870's?

Source style

Style vernacular victorian

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered yes Date 1970's

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 6236 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 27'?

Approximate distance of building from street

?

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use barn? residence?

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates apartments

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This may have been a barn at one time, but is now apartments. Renovations carried on recently have not improved the general appearance of the building.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area C Form 252

6 Park Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
C	252

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 6 Park St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Hugo B. Wallgren

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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3. Description:

Date 1820's?

Source Style

Style Federal?

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered Yes Date ?

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 2118 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 35'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is an old house which has been ~~quite~~ altered. An outside stairway is now enclosed. The detail of the cornice under the end gable further describes its vintage. Relates very well to the area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 253

8 Park Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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C	253

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 8 Park St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Francis R. Therrien

3. Description:

Date 1820's?

Source Style

Style Federal

Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick; shingle ell

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered slight Date ?

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 5563 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 70'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

An extremely charming brick house with shutters, in a surrounding similar to Marblehead, with houses close together next to the lane. Visually important asset to the City.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 254

9 Park Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
C	254

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 9 Park St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Alpheus G. Simonds

3. Description:

Date 1800+

Source style

Style colonial (federal?)

Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick; asphalt shingles over clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) attached garage

Other features

Altered no Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 9503 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 110'

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no.

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

An old brick dwelling with large chimney. Juxtaposition of this and all other Park Street buildings are important to the streetscape. Easily seen from Main Street and an integral part of the area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 255

12 Park Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
C	255

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 12 Park St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Beatrice I. Ashe

3. Description:

Date 1840's?

Source style

Style Greek Revival(?)

Architect

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding (over clapboard)

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features

Altered alum. siding Date 1970's?

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 5807sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 89'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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MHC Photo no.

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Once an attractive cottage, but poorly aluminum sided.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 256

20 Park Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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C	256

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 20 Park St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Norton K. Bartlett

3. Description:

Date 1820's or 1830's?

Source style

Style vernacular federal

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) 3 car garage

Other features

Altered no Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 4092 sq. ft Over one acre (+3.951 sq. ft.?)

Approximate frontage 36' (+50'?).

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

C-256

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

A beautiful vernacular Federal-style house set in a quiet residential area near Main Street, this house has 5 window (2nd floor) and central door plan. Adds significantly to the area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area C Form 257

29 Park Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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C	257

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 29 Park Street

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Clarence L. & Beverly J. Landry

3. Description:

Date 1850's?

Source style

Style vernacular New England mid 19th Century

Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) garage/barn

Other features

Altered converted to house Date ?

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 9157 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street 45'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

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MHC Photo no.

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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Carriage House

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Appears to have been a carriage house for #20 Park Street. Attractive and well-maintained. Adds a great deal to the neighborhood.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)